## BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

In the Matter of the Application of)

HAWAIIAN ELECTRIC COMPANY, INC.

for Approval to Commit Funds in Excess of \$500,000 for Item P0000939, the Waiau CT Separation Project.

DOCKET NO. 04-0104

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ATTEST: A True Copy KAREN HIGASHI

Chief Clerk, Public Utilities Commission, State of Hawaii.

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#### <u>ORDER</u>

I.

#### Introduction

By an application filed on May 13, 2004, HAWAIIAN ELECTRIC COMPANY, INC. ("HECO") requests commission approval to commit funds estimated at \$602,822 for Item P0000939, the installation of the Waiau CT Separation project.

Applicant served copies of the application on the DIVISION OF CONSUMER ADVOCACY, DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS ("Consumer Advocate"), an ex officio party to this docket, pursuant to Hawaii Revised Statutes § 269-51.

II.

#### Discussion

The commission believes that the establishment of a procedural schedule at this juncture will aid in the efficient and timely disposition of this matter. Thus, we conclude that HECO and the Consumer Advocate should meet informally to formulate the

issues, procedures, and schedule with respect to this proceeding, to be set forth in a stipulated prehearing order that shall be submitted for commission approval within 30 days from the date of this order. In the alternative, if the parties are unable to stipulate to such order, we conclude that each party shall submit a proposed prehearing order for the commission's consideration within 30 days from the date of this order.

III.

#### <u>Orders</u>

THE COMMISSION ORDERS that HECO and the Consumer Advocate shall meet informally to formulate the issues, procedures, and schedule with respect to this proceeding, to be set forth in a stipulated prehearing order. The stipulated prehearing order shall be submitted for commission approval within 30 days of this order. If HECO and the Consumer Advocate are unable to stipulate to such an order, each party shall submit a proposed prehearing order for the commission's consideration by the same date.

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DONE at Honolulu, Hawaii this 12th day of July, 2004.

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

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Carlito P. Caliboso, Chairman

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/Wayne H. Kimura, Commissioner

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Janet E. Kawelo, Commissioner

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Benedyne S. Stone Commission Counsel

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### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this date served a copy of the foregoing Order No. 21115 upon the following parties, by causing a copy hereof to be mailed, postage prepaid, and properly addressed to each such party.

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DATED: July 12, 2004